

## From Washington.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

Washington, D. C., April 12.

The next move in the diplomatic game between Venezuela and the United States is awaited with great interest by the foreign legations here. They are watching the course of events with some amusement, in the case of representatives of European powers, and with solicitude in the case of the South American envoys. No action is expected until after the President's return from his hunting trip, and what course he will take will be dictated largely by developments in the meantime. The conviction is growing that the United States has taken an untenable position in demanding that cases actually pending before the courts of Venezuela shall be removed from that jurisdiction and submitted to arbitration. Such a demand is regarded in some quarters as a direct reflection on the integrity of the Venezuelan judiciary which is properly resented by President Castro's government. It is pointed out, for example, that if England or Germany, many of whose citizens were interested as stock and bondholders in the roads involved in the Northern Securities case, should have announced while it was pending that they would not be bound by the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States and demanded that it should be submitted to arbitration, a howl of indignation would have gone up all over the land. Yet that is just what the United States has done in the asphalt and other cases in Venezuela. In the present situation Castro is generally believed by diplomats here to have the best of the argument and they are curious to see how the United States will manage to get out of the tangle.

The rain of this morning and the clouds of this evening did not keep many people from Benning today. The races will close tomorrow after a most successful season and a record breaking crowd is expected to be present.

Ex-Senator John M. Thurston, of Nebraska and Washington, D. C., will act as chief counsel for Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, in the trial of indictments against alleged frauds soon to be held at Portland, Ore. Senator Mitchell will also be represented by Attorney Bennett, of Oregon, who will look after the local end of the defense.

The jury in the criminal court this afternoon returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Trumpeter Samuel R. Young, of Troop H, 15th Cavalry, Fort Myer, who was indicted for manslaughter in connection with the death of Policeman John Jacob Smith on the evening of July 4th last.

Messrs. Shonts, Magoon and Wallace, forming the executive committee of the Isthmian Canal Commission, had a long consultation with Secretary Taft today over Panama affairs. It has been practically decided to create in the War Department a bureau of administration of Isthmian canal affairs, of which Col. Clarence R. Edwards, at present in charge of the insular bureau, will be the chief. This bureau will handle all the accounts, contracts and correspondence of the commission in Washington. Capt. Robert E. L. Michie, of the 12th Cavalry, who has been serving as a member of the general staff, will be assigned to the insular bureau.

When the council assembled this morning, there was a debate upon a motion made by Mrs. Mary Wood Swift, the president to declare in formal manner that Miss Susan B. Anthony was the founder of the organization. After considerable debate the motion was carried unanimously, Miss Anthony being formally declared the founder. The remainder of the morning session was spent in discussing amendments to the constitution.

## The Chicago Strike.

Chicago, April 12.—Mayor Dunne's attitude in the Montgomery Ward & Co. strike this morning, was disclosed by an order to the police to preserve order regardless of the protests of labor unions. The leaders yesterday bid for the sympathy and partisanship of the Mayor in an interview in which they complained of officiousness on the part of the police. The employers' association is well pleased with the order which comes as a reply to a letter to the Mayor. The employers have secured a larger number of non-union men to drive wagons for the boycotted firm, and have made other preparations for extending the fight. One hundred extra policemen have been detailed to guard the company's wagons. Threats of boycott against hotels which hold strike breakers have been devoid of effect. Detectives have been employed to watch express wagon drivers and get evidence on which to base a petition to the federal courts to enjoin interference with interstate commerce.

## Bomb in Barber's Shop.

New York, April 12.—Some days ago Pietro Caccosa a barber, who has a shop at 438 Mary avenue, Brooklyn, and who lives with his family over his place of business, received four "Black Hand" letters demanding \$100 on the pain of death if he refused. Pietro told the police and refused to worry. Early this morning Pietro was rudely awakened by a dynamite bomb which was exploded under the front stoop of his house. Part of the front of the foundation wall was demolished. Windows in the houses across the street were smashed. No one was injured. The police have the letters which furnish no clue.

## Court Martial Appointed.

St. Petersburg, April 12.—A court martial has been appointed to inquire into the naval battle of Port Arthur, when the Russian ships were defeated by Admiral Togo. The reason for the disaster which Prince Uksunsky met and for his return to Port Arthur when he succeeded to the command of the fleet after the death of Admiral Witthof in violation of orders, will be carefully investigated.

## The Installation of Dr. Alderman.

The ceremonies attending the installation of Dr. E. A. Alderman as the first president of the University of Virginia, which will take place at Charlottesville tomorrow afternoon, will be the most important function that has ever taken place at the university. A number of prominent men from all over the country who are alumni of the institution will be present at the occasion. The ceremonies will start at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and will include an introduction of Dr. Alderman as president by Rector Hon. Charles P. Jones, of the board of visitors; response by President Alderman; congratulatory addresses by Prof. E. H. Smith, of the faculty; Senator Martin, for the alumni; Governor Montague, for the State, and others, and the inaugural address by President Alderman.

## News of the Day.

United States Senator Beveridge and William Jennings Bryan will be among the speakers at the International Convention to be held in Baltimore in July.

Commissioner Jullundur, who has been investigating the Indian earthquakes, estimates that 10,000 people were killed in the Kangra district and 3,000 in the Palampur district.

Carter Harrison just before his retirement as Mayor of Chicago worked a coup on his successor, Judge Dunne, by appointing the chief engineer for the new street railway lines to be built by the city.

Vice Admiral Rojestvensky, according to the St. Petersburg authorities, is with the battleship section of his fleet, which is now proceeding to effect a junction with the armada that passed Singapore last Saturday.

General Kawamura's army, supported by General Nogai's forces, is reported to be marching to the northeast to cut the Russian communication with Vladivostok and 30,000 Japanese have landed at Dalney to take part in the operations against the last fort of the Russians in the far East.

## Virginia News.

There is reported to be on foot a plan to consolidate the Virginia iron, steel and coal concerns.

The Taylor Wagon Works, of Lynchburg, has been conveyed to A. B. Percy, as trustee, for the benefit of its creditors.

Samuel B. Ridgeway, a prominent farmer of Frederick county, died yesterday after a lingering illness, aged seventy-five years.

The Richmond Board of Aldermen last night killed the plan adopted by the Council looking to a slight enlargement of the city limits.

Among the civilians designated for appointment as second lieutenants in the army are William P. Currier, Edmund C. Waddill and John H. Ellerson of Virginia.

Marriage license was issued in Washington yesterday to Charles W. Harris and Eva M. Carter, both of Montrose, and to John Lewis and Floyd Gregory, both of Caroline county.

Charles W. Melton, a white laborer, was instantly killed at the Richmond Locomotive Works yesterday by a smoke stack falling from a new locomotive. He was 23 years old and leaves a wife and one child.

Edward Leland Williams, aged 23 years, of Tennessee, a member of the senior law class of the University of Virginia, died Monday night at the University Hospital. Mr. Williams was operated on on Friday last for appendicitis.

Commissioners sold the Staunton city street car property last night at private auction for \$20,500. The property was purchased by John M. Spotts and associates, all of that city, who it is understood, will operate the cars.

One of the largest shipments of blue fish in the history of Old Point was made there yesterday, when over 400 barrels of the delicious fish were shipped to the northern markets. So far this has been the most successful season for bluefish in a number of years.

The building committee of the Presbyterian Orphans' Home of the Synod of Virginia has accepted plans for a general scheme of buildings to cost a hundred thousand dollars, and will at once spend \$15,000 in erecting two cottages on their property in Lynchburg.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen at Lynchburg yesterday that body refused to concur in the action of the Common Council last week, making a contribution of \$10,000 to Randolph-Macon Women's College for a new building. City Attorney N. C. Manson giving it as his opinion that it was unconstitutional.

Miss Mary Forbes of Fauquier county, while following the hounds on Saturday, met with a serious accident. Her horse had just jumped a high fence, when it was struck by another horse immediately following. Both the horse and rider were thrown. Miss Forbes remounted and, with a broken collarbone, finished the course.

Miss Jean Carter, of Warrenton, and Mr. Arthur Cameron Humphreys, of Norfolk, were married in Warrenton this evening. The marriage took place at St. James Church and was followed by a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, cousins of the bride. Miss Carter, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and Mr. Thomas W. Shelton was best man.

The preliminary hearing of William J. Thompson, the Shadwell mountaineer, who was arrested on Wednesday last upon suspicion of having murdered his wife and two children, whose remains were found in their charred cabin home on the morning of April 1, was held yesterday afternoon at Shadwell. After listening to the evidence of some fifteen witnesses, the case against Thompson was dismissed and the prisoner set free.

## Shot Wife and Himself.

Because his wife would not get a meal quickly enough to suit him John Elrand, whose wife keeps a store at 46 Carmine street, New York, shot her in the temple last night and then shot himself three times. Mrs. Elrand was standing in the front of their shop when her husband shot her. He then ran into the back yard and fired three bullets into his breast. Johnnie Elrand, six years old, ran upstairs, screaming: "Papa shot mamma! Papa shot mamma!" Neighbors ran down and notified the police. Husband and wife were taken to St. Vincent's Hospital. Mrs. Elrand will probably recover, but the husband will die. The woman was a hard worker and supported the family.

## Sciatic Rheumatism Cured.

"I have been subject to sciatic rheumatism for years," says E. H. Waldron of Milton Junction, Iowa. "My joints were stiff and gave me much pain and discomfort. My joints would crack when I straightened up. I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm and have been thoroughly cured. Have not had a pain or ache from the old trouble for many months. It is certainly a most wonderful liniment." For sale by Gibson & Timberman and W. F. Creighton & Co.

## DIED.

At her home, on Tuesday, April 11, LUCY CATHERINE, daughter of Grace and the late David B. Mackey, aged three years and seven months. The funeral will take place from her late home, No. 511 South Henry street, on Thursday evening at 3 o'clock. Interment private.

## Today's Telegraphic News

Naval Fight in Progress?

Amsterdam, April 12.—The Handelsblad has a telegram from Batavia, Java, which says that a fight is in progress between Japanese and Russian vessels at or near the Anambas islands. Five Dutch vessels are reported to be watching the battle. Details regarding the reported action are lacking. There is no confirmation of the reported fight. The battle may be an attack by destroyers on stragglers.

The Anambas islands, where it is reported the battle between the two fleets is in progress, are located in the southern part of the China sea, about 200 miles northeast of Singapore. A portion, at least, of the Russian fleet was reported yesterday as being at anchor in the vicinity of Pate Nauki, one of the Anambas group. Yesterday reports also told of several Japanese vessels being in that part of China sea. Whether these vessels were merely scouts or a part of the whole fleet, is not known.

If Togo's entire fleet has attacked the Russians, probably the greatest naval battle of modern times will be fought at this time. In London, there is a belief among many naval experts, however, that the attack may be one by destroyers on stragglers from the Russian fleet. If the attack is general, it is believed the battle will be decisive.

London, April 12.—There has been no confirmation of the reported naval engagement off the Anambas islands. The message came from Batavia, Java, and there is no cable connection with the islands, near which the fighting is supposed to have taken place. It is hard to understand how Batavia should have received news ahead of Singapore.

## The Nan Patterson Case.

New York, April 12.—Simon Stern, the pawnbroker who is alleged to have sold the pistol with which Caesar Young, the bookmaker, was killed, was brought to the criminal court house shortly before ten o'clock, and shown into the office of Assistant District Attorney Rand. The object of his visit is to see if he can identify J. Morgan Smith as the man to whom the pistol was sold.

Smith and his wife were arranged before Judge Foster this morning on the indictment charging them with conspiracy.

Smith and his wife did not plead to the indictment when arraigned, and at the request of their counsel the case was continued until Friday next.

It was stated this morning that Pawnbroker Stern had failed to identify Smith as the man who bought the pistol.

## To Investigate Millionaire's Death.

Rome, April 12.—A great sensation has been caused in society here by the steps taken by the government to investigate the death of Vladimir Desmireff, a Russian millionaire, which occurred yesterday. M. Desmireff recently disinherited his entire family, leaving his entire fortune to two women companions, Casimir Jakomowitch and Louise Kuel. The son of M. Desmireff started an investigation which revealed the fact that the women with whom M. Desmireff was at the time of his death were in the habit of using morphine and had declined to allow physicians to attend the millionaire until just before death. The government has ordered that the body be exhumed and an autopsy held. M. Desmireff moved in the most exclusive circles here, and the late developments have created a great deal of excitement.

## Attempt to Rob a Bank.

Bernardsville, N. J., April 12.—An unsuccessful attempt was made early this morning, to rob the Bernardsville National Bank. The burglars forced an entrance through the front door of the building by the use of pick axes and chisels, which they had obtained at a blacksmith shop near by. The padlock on the door and the door lock were broken and the door was much battered. The marauders then drilled a hole in the large safe, door, inserted nitroglycerine, and blew open the out door. Another charge was put in the inner doors, but aside from blowing the combination off, was ineffective. It was said this morning by the bank's officials that it would be impossible for burglars to get into the safe, without first blowing it practically to pieces.

## Russian Army Menaced.

London, April 12.—From dispatches to the Exchange Telegraph Company, it is evident that the naval operations of the two belligerents will not be allowed to monopolize public attention entirely for many days. Reports from the armies in Manchuria have given rise to the fear that the Russian right wing is seriously threatened by the enemy. The disappearance of the Japanese which had been reported is looked upon with the greatest suspicion, and it is expected that important events will take place soon.

## Death of an Odd Fellow.

Baltimore, April 12.—The Odd Fellows of the Nation suffered a serious loss today in the death of J. Frank Grant, Grand Secretary Sovereign Grand Lodge, Odd Fellows. He died after a long illness of rheumatic gout, at the Union Protestant Infirmary at 4:30 o'clock this morning. The remains were immediately taken to his home and after brief services tomorrow at one o'clock, they will be shipped to Petersburg, Kentucky, for interment. A widow and two children survive.

## Conditions in Crete.

Athens, April 12.—Dispatches from Crete indicate that the trouble which has been threatened there for some time past has reached a crisis. It is stated that a conflict is imminent near Canea between the insurgents, who have been gathering and arming for some time, and the Europeans, who have declared their intention to take a hand to preserve order in the island.

## The Kaiser in Greece.

Athens, April 13.—Kaiser William sailed from Corfu this morning. Before taking his departure the Kaiser conferred the appointment of an Admiral in the German navy on King George.

## New York Stock Market.

New York, April 12.—There was a continued liquidation by western houses during the first hour, causing an irregular market with continued changing in the direction of price movements. Western houses generally telegraphed their correspondents to be cautious about their grain accounts, indicating that they considered the May wheat situation still a disturbing factor.

Fewer Gallons; Wears Longer. Fewer gallons; takes less of Devoe Lead and Zinc than mixed paints. Wears longer; zinc as long as lead and oil.

## City Council.

The City Council was in session about an hour last night, during which time a large volume of business was transacted. Most of it, however, was of no general importance, and the bulk of the papers introduced were referred.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

\* All the Aldermen except Mr. Hill were present.

The resolution appropriating \$8,500 for the construction of a trunk sewer in the western section of the city, passed by the Common Council at the last meeting, was read.

Mr. Burke moved that the Aldermen concur.

Mr. Ballenger asked if Council had obtained the right of way through certain property of the Southern Railway Company.

Mr. Curtin answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Marbury said the city would never do anything if it kept postponing action for this and that reason. Everything had been provided for in connection with the proposed work. He urged immediate concurrence in the action of the Common Council.

President Sweeney asked if it was necessary to pass the resolution at present. He would prefer that action be postponed two weeks.

Mr. Marbury again urged immediate action. The right of way had been obtained from the railroad company the day following the passage of the resolution by the Common Council.

President Sweeney again said it would be better to defer action for two weeks. He wanted time to consider the matter, ascertain the dimensions of the proposed sewer, its nature, the material of which it was to be constructed, &c. The resolution failed to give such information, and he wanted to be in a position to answer such questions as were likely to be propounded by his constituents. He suggested that the City Engineer be invited into the chamber in order to have the objects of the resolution explained.

The President's views were concurred in by Mr. Fisher.

Mr. Burke said he had no intention of forcing the matter when he moved a concurrence. He thought, however, that the work should be commenced as soon as possible.

Mr. Marbury said if the work was not commenced at once it could not be completed before cold weather, and the sewer was absolutely necessary and was demanded by the present conditions in the western section of the city.

Mr. Dunn at this juncture entered the chamber and answered a number of questions propounded. In his explanations he practically took the same stand as Mr. Marbury, saying that the work should have been begun several weeks ago. He said the proposed sewer would be 44 by 5 feet 3 inches.

Mr. Marbury said there was no good reason for interrogating the City Engineer. When he had explained a matter to the members of the board practically knew no more than they did at first.

The President called Vice President Curtin to the chair and reiterated his objections to proceeding in haste in the matter. He showed that on previous occasions there had been no undue haste in building sewers. He was in favor of such improvements, but repeated what he had said at first, that there was no good reason for expediting the work called for by the resolution.

Mr. Dunn said it would be impossible for him to give the actual dimensions of the sewer, as the condition of the ground through which it is to pass has to be considered. The structure would be of concrete, or it might be necessary to use a ring of brick, according to the volume of water found. The City Engineer exhibited the plans to the members, and explained all their details. He said it would be necessary to begin work at once in order to complete the sewer this year.

Finally Mr. Ballenger moved that, inasmuch as Mr. Dunn had explained all in connection with the proposed sewer, that the Aldermen concur in the action of the Common Council, and all the members voted in the affirmative.

No further discussion followed, and the Aldermen after concurring in the action of the Common Council on a number of papers sent in, adjourned.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

The spring changes the hour of meeting from 7:30 to 8 o'clock and the board was called to order a few minutes after that time.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

W. H. Bontz, engineer of the Reliance Company, was allowed \$2.50 per month for taking care of the old Hydraulion engine.

An ordinance authorizing a deed to H. Kirk, Jr., for a lot on Union street delinquent for taxes bought by him was agreed to.

The auditor reported that the appropriations for electric light, cleaning streets and the fire department were exhausted and the paper was referred.

Ordinances were reported for grading and paving Royal street from King to Cameron street and for a like improvement on Royal street from King to Prince street with vitrified brick.

These ordinances are not to go into effect until three-fourths of the property holders shall have deposited \$2.85 per front foot of their property and a rebate will be made for curb already set, when no deposit is made then no work will be done in front of the non-paying property but the cobble stones will be allowed to remain in front of the premises of those who fail to sign for the improvement for a distance of ten feet six inches from the curb line.

Mr. Leadbeater, chairman of the committee on streets, stated that on account of the City Hall facing on Royal street, the city's share of the cost of paving the square from King to Cameron street, would be more than one-half of the total cost. He estimated the city's share at from \$2,000 to \$2,500.

In reference to an ordinance providing for paving Royal street from King street to Prince street, in the same manner, Mr. Leadbeater said that the property owners would receive the advantage of the amount which would be paid by the electric railway company for paving along its tracks. He further stated that the city's share of the cost on this square would be between \$1,500 and \$2,000. These ordinances, together with one directing the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway Company to lay grooved rails on Royal street, from King street to Prince street, and to pave between the rails and two feet on each side, were referred to the committee on finance and streets.

Mr. Williams asked what had been done by the committee on public property relative to the improvement of the station house and Mayor's office.

Mr. Hellmuth replied that the subject was in the hands of the City Engineer who is preparing plans, &c.

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Mr. Brill moved to take the matter from the committee and Mr. Hellmuth promptly seconded his motion.

The chair said that this was the most unusual proceeding that he had witnessed during his twenty years in Council. He announced his opposition to interfering with the work of committees.

Mr. Bryan explained that the subject had been examined by the public property and finance committee and some changes had been suggested; this was the reason no report had been made.

Mr. Williams expressed his satisfaction.

Mr. Brill's motion was lost and Mr. Harrison called on the committee on claims for a report on the petition of W. L. Lyons for damages for injuries alleged to have been received by being kicked by one of the Reliance fire engine horses.

Mr. Williams stated that several members of the committee on claims had been out of the city, but he hoped to have a meeting in the near future.

This caused some amusement at the expense of Mr. Williams who had just complained of the delay of another committee report.

Mr. Spinks introduced a resolution that the Corporation Attorney prepare an ordinance for submitting to the voters of the city the question of the sale of the electric light and power franchise.

Mr. Bryan thought the City Council was elected to determine such matters and were fully competent to do their work.

Mr. Williams replied that the City Council had had the matter before it for a long time, but had been unable to determine, therefore it was proper to allow the voters to decide.

The subject was referred to the committee on light and general laws.

Mr. Leadbeater introduced a resolution that whereas the Braddock House is in a dangerous condition and is entirely unsuitable, that the Mayor, City Engineer, health officials, &c., be requested to examine the house and report upon its condition.

After some discussion as to the power of the City Council to appoint a committee of officers outside of Council it was agreed that the matter be placed in charge of the committees on streets and general laws.

Mr. Hellmuth called attention to the need of cleaning alleys and streets and criticized the slow method of street cleaning.

Mr. Spinks made representation in the same direction and said in many instances dirt that had been raked into piles on the streets was left to be scattered again.

## M. P. CONFERENCE.

The seventy-seventh session of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church came to a close at Salisbury, Md., last night shortly after the reading of the list of appointments by President F. T. Little, D. D.

F. T. Benson announced the death at Bellevue, Pa., of Rev. J. J. Murray, D. D., of Pittsburg, Pa., who was received into this conference in 1842, and who was next to the oldest member of this body of ministers.

He was born May 8, 1824, at Hagerstown, Md.

The name of Sussex Circuit was changed to Laurel Circuit.

F. T. Benson reported that there were 183 young people's societies of Christian Endeavor, with a membership of 7,645. This is considered one of the best reports in years.

The committee on finance recommended the further assessment of \$3,000 for president's salary, \$2,500 for the general home missions, \$600 for ministerial education, and \$475 for incidentals.

The appointments were then announced. Rev. J. H. S. Ewell being returned to this city. Rev. Carroll Maddox is sent to Fairfax.

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## Official.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Alexandria, Va., held April 11, 1905, the following resolutions were adopted:

J. T. Sweeney, esq., President, and Messrs. Burke, Marbury, Ballenger, Fisher, Curtin and W. H. Sweeney.

A resolution appropriating \$8,500 for the construction of a sewer at How's run, received from the Common Council March 28, 1905, and laid over, was passed by a unanimous vote.

An ordinance authorizing the collecting taxes on personal property, incomes, &c., for the year commencing June 1, 1905, and ending May 31, 1906, received from the Common Council March 28, 1905, was passed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Fisher, from the Committee on General Laws, submitted a favorable report on the resolution concerning expectorating on sidewalks and common carriers, recommending that the Corporation Attorney be requested to draw an ordinance forbidding such acts on streets and common carriers and in public halls.

Mr. Burke introduced the following, which was referred to the Committee on Streets:

Resolved, That the City Engineer is hereby requested to report at the next meeting of the City Council an estimate of the cost of constructing an open brick or concrete sewer on Royal street from the south side of Franklin to Church street.

The following were received from the Common Council and their action concurred in by unanimous vote:

Resolution instructing the Corporation Attorney to prepare an ordinance providing for the submission to the voters of the city of the question of the sale of the electric light and power franchise to the qualified voters of the city.

Resolution concerning the location of the Braddock House, southeast corner of Cameron and Fairfax streets.

Ordinance providing for the paving of Royal street from Cameron to King and from King to Prince.

Ordinance directing the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway Company to take up its rails on Royal street, between King and Prince, and lay in their stead grooved rails.

Report of the Finance Committee on a